GERMANY AND HER ALLIES HAVE STARTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PERMANENT PEACE

Chancellor Von Bethmann - Hollweg Announced To-day That Propositions Under Consideration Are Appropriate for the Establishment of Lasting Peace-Message Transmitted to Lead- president of the Chamber, who was president of the Chamber of the ing Neutral Nations

THREE OTHER CENTRAL POWERS OFFER SIMILAR PROPOSALS

Representatives of United States, Spain and Switzerland Were Summoned by the German Chancellor and Told to Calls to the Colors Men of Class of Acquaint Hostile Governments With the Offer as Soon as Possible

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 12.—Germany and her allies to-day proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations. The propositions which they will bring forward are, according to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for the establishment of a liament. The session was a secret one. lasting peace. The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments The vote was 376 to 45. are making similar proposals. These proposals have been transmitted also to the Vatican.

The following announcement was given out to-day by the semi- Lost Lives When Lamp Tipped Over in ing in Germany are engaged without exofficial Overseas News agency:

"The chancellor this morning received one after another the representatives of the United States and Spain and Switzerland; that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note will be read to-day in the Reichstag by the chancellor.

"In the note, the four allied 'central' powers propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations. The propositions which they bring for such negotiations are, according to their firmest belief, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace. The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes and also communicated with the Holy See and all other neutral powers."

"CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY." CENTRAL POWERS PROPOSE PEACE

London, Dec. 12 .- A wireless despatch from Berlin says that in ty over the canal zone by the United a speech before the Reichstag to-day Chancellor Von BethmannHollweg announced that Germany, together with her allies, "con
States. He also declared that the canal could be made to pay largely if it was allowed to engage in business other than our neighbor.

States. He also declared that the canal passively contemplate the ghastly suffering inflicted by Germany upon Belgium, our neighbor.

Conductor J. H. Collins was in charge of the train. scious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation of shipping. and before humanity," have proposed to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations.

GERMANY SAID TO DEMAND

FREE POLAND AND LITHUANIA

KING CONSTANTINE

ORDERS A GENERAL

TROOP MOBILIZATION

Dispatch Received in Switzerland Says

Greece's Ruler Has Called Out All

the Soldiers in His Dominion.

London, Dec. 12.-An Exchange Tele-

graph from Copenhagen says that ad-

Greece has ordered a general mobiliza-

HAS BEEN COMPLETED

He Is Expected to Make

Statement in Parliament.

Paris, Dec. 12.-Premier Briand an

official journal. The premier is expected

to make a statement in Parliament to-

FRENCH CHAMBER IN UPROAR

When Socialist Deputy Said Frenchmen

Should Not Fight for Russia.

sunced to-day that he had completed

reconstruction of the cabinet and

the effect that King Constantine

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12 .- Advices from Berlin to the German embassy indicate that Germany's peace terms in general propose the restoration of the status quo before the war, with the exception of the establishment of independent kingdoms of Poland can countries than anything else we and Lithuania. They are understood to propose the complete restoration of the occupied portions of Belgium and France in return of the system under which American and be respected, but the German government for Germany's captured colonies and to dispose of the Balkan sit- English vessels were rated as to their deliberately drags the Belgian families uation, because of its extremely complicated nature in the peace taxed for tolls all the advantage was every day. Every day numbers of fugiconference.

GERMANY NOTIFIES TROOPS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

But Because of Uncertainty About Entente Accepting the Offer the Troops are Told to Fight On.

London, Dec. 12 .- A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says it is announced officially in Berlin that the emperor has notified the commanding gen- tion erals of Germany's peace offer and informed them it is uncertain whether the NEW FRENCH CABINET offer will be accepted. Until that uncertainty is ended, the message says, they are to fight on.

GERMAN TROOPS ARE LEAVING RUMANIA

Fronts and Situation There is More Favorable for Entente.

London, Dec. 12 .- A Rome dispatch to the Wireless Press says Petrograd reports the Germans have begun a retirement of some divisions from Rumania, transferring them to other fronts and that the situation in Rumania is becoming more favorable for the entente.

ing the discussion of military appropria-tions, when he declared that Frenchmen should no longer fight to assure the possession of Constantinople to Russia.
"You're a traitor," was yelled at M.
Brizon by deputies in all parts of the

Various colleagues of M. Brizon endeavored to quiet him, but without avail. During the excitement M. Brizon grasped a water glass which stood before him By ties in a semi-circle before the secre-tary's desk. Thereupon M. Renoult, vice-

M. Brizon was hooted by the entire Chamber as he moved alone to his place REPLYING TO PROTEST among the Socialist seats at the extreme left of the Chamber.

M. Brizon demanded the right to be heard on the application of the rule and mounted the speaker's stand. He declared that M. Bouge had gravely insulted him by asking. "How much did you receive from Germany to do the work to

which you are applying yourself?"
The Chamber then decided to exclude Brizon. The galleries were cleared and he session again suspended. When it

ITALY TO PUSH THE WAR.

Rome, Dec. 12 -Italy no less than her

Two events yesterday so indicated the new determination of the nation. ordinarily would be called upon for mili-

The other was the vote of confidence accorded the present government by Par-

TWO CHILDREN BURNED.

Their Home.

North Pelham, N. H., Dec. 12.-Paul Edwin Sleeper, aged six, and his brother, Graham, aged five, children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Sleeper, were burned to death by a fire in their home last night, supposedly caused by the capsizing of an oil lamp, and the Sleeper bungalow, into which the family moved only Sunday, was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$1,000 and there is

SHOULD RULE CANAL ZONE.

That Should Be Work of United States,

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.-Addressing more than 1,000 engineers at the annual dinner of the Engineers' society of western Pennsylvania here last night. Major-General George W. Goethals recommended the abrogation of the Taft agreement with the republic of Panama and he establishment of complete sovereign-He also declared that the canal that directly concerned with the transit

"We must allow all materials and supplies to enter the zone free of customs duties," General Goethals said, "and encourage enterprise that will result in the building of great warehouses and show rooms for the storage and display of American goods. If these things are done, and if we limit the administration to the interest of America and Americans we will have done more to bring about better relations with the people of the Central and South Amerimight do."

General Goethals declared that because with English shipping as against American and it worked also to the disadvantage of the canal.

SHIP IN DISTRESS.

Transport Sumner Went Aground in Fog Off Barnegat, N. J.

New York, Dec. 12 .- The United States New York, was ashore in a heavy fog ported slaves to an unknown destination off Barnegat, N. Y., last night, according to a wireless message feceived here. The Sumner sent an "S. O. S." call for assist-

cinity responded. The Sumner sailed from Colon on De- open, and that is collective action on the ember 4. She carries passengers, mails part of the neutral nations. and merchandise, and is a vessel of 3,458 She is commanded by Capt.

Themistocles were first to answer the our efforts. This tyranny is not to be Premier Briand Announces That the List transport's call for assistance. The will Be Published Wednesday and steamers City of Columbus, Lampasas tions cannot longer stand idly by while and El Cid followed soon afterward. A in western Europe the most primitive wireless message from the City of Co. laws of humanity, observed even by unlumbus said she was rushing with all civilized races, are trampled under foot." possible speed to the Sumner.

LIQUOR VOTE IMPORTANT.

that the list will appear in to-morrow's Sharp Contests in 17 Massachusetts

PUBLIC MIND

IS POISONED

"Lying Press of Germany's Enemies," Declares Official Note

OF U. S. GOVERNMENT

to Be Well Cared For in Germany

Berlin, Dec. 11, via London, Dec. 12 .-Germany's answer to the American note This will be done so far as the United regarding the deportation of Belgians is of the official dispatches. They will be confined almost exclusively to a presen- forwarded to all the entente countries, ma Coffin of Barre and Misses Helen and tation of the situation in Belgium before where the United States represents the Bertha Colby of East Orange; and two the deportation. The note declares there central powers diplomatically. was urgent need of some kind of work allies is preparing to make 1917 a year of its most vigorous presecution of the Belgians, because idleness was causing demoralization,

The reply volunteers a permit to Amer-One was the calling to the colors of the workmen's camps and assure them the class of 1898 one year in advance of the workmen's camps and assure them of the time at which men of that age selves that the Belgians are well off, and ordinarily would be called mon for miliconcludes with an expression of regret that the United States has never seen fit to protest against the dragging off by TWO WERE KILLED the allies of the Germans from East Prussia, Alsace and other places to Siberia and elsewhere. These actions are characterized as severe violations of the When Locomotive Collided with Block of laws of humanity.

The note says the Belgians now workception in occupations permissible under the international law, such as legitimate agricultural and industrial pursuits, and that the German government regrets extremely that the situation has been completely misrepresented in the United States by the "lying press of Germany's enemies."

HOLLAND APPEALS TO U. S.

of Deportation.

London, Dec. 12,-The Associated Press has received from Amsterdam an "Appeal to the American people" by the Holland section of the League of Neutral States. The appeal is signed by President Niemeyer and Secretaries Delafaille and Walch. It follows.

later a moment would come when the struck the marble, splitting the block, war would make the position of neutral pieces falling on each side of the track. nations unbearable. For us Hollanders that moment has arrived; not through our own sufferings but because we cannot passively contemplate the ghastly suffer-

"The eloquent protest of the Belgian government and of the higher clergy have acquainted you with the facts. We glance at the section of The Hague regulations of 1907, which deals with the vious to you that the sole reason why the prohibition of this modern slave dealing was not included was because no delegate imagined it would ever be neces-

"Indeed, one must turn to the history of the early ages of long past centuries before international law existed to find a parallel to the enslaving of the Belgians. The Hague regulations stipulate that the honor and rights of the family must tives, in spite of the deadly erected wire which the Germans have erected along the frontier, succeeded in escaping to The Netherlands. From them we learn the painful details of the mutterable despair of the women and children who are left behind and of the agonizing scenes which take place when husbands brothers and sons, dragged from their homes and women folk are packed into transport Summer, bound from Colon for cattle and freight cars and thus transand to an unknown fate

"To put an end to this to arrest this hellish scourge which at this moment vices are received from Switzerland to ance, and several steamships in the vi- lacerates the whole of northern France and western Russia, there is but one way

> "And for you, citizens of the mightiest of neutral states, it is, in our opinion the right and duty to take the leader-The coast guard cutter Mohawk and ship upon you. Only if you place yourthe steamers City of Montgomery and selves at our head can any success crown

WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mrs. Charles Atkins Fell Down Stairs at Bellows Falls.

Strong efforts to sway the annual vote daughters, Mrs. Ralph Breslend and Mrs. the head, with probably a fractured to owe \$506 and gives his assets as \$25, and James Freeland was appointed to on license were made in all the munici- Edward Breslend, sustaining a severe skull. palities, largely as a result of the suc- cut in back of one ear, cuts on the head cess of the no-license interests in win- and shoulder, injuring her right arm and could not be explained last night. An Paris, Dec. 12.—The Socialist deputy, ning four new cities last week. Of the receiving internal injuries. Mrs. Atkins autopsy will be held to-day at the under-Pierre Brizon, caused another tumult in cities voting to-day, 12 are now dry and the Chamber of Deputies yesterday dur- five are wet.

Of Montpeller.

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AWAIT REPLY OF ENTENTE

Wilson Will Make No Comment on Peace Offer Till Then

BUT PRESIDENT IS DEEPLY INTERESTED

Will Adopt Wary Attitude at Outset

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.-The news that Germany and her allies were about to enter on peace negotiations was sent to President Wilson. Speaking for the president, Secretary Tumulty said he was Deported Belgians Are Said reception the proposal received from the edly. Death was due to diabetes.

information of Germany's peace proposasked only to transmit the proposals.

Whether the United States would accompany the transmission with any comment or suggestion, it was indicated, depends entirely upon the nature of the ican diplomatic representatives to visit likely of consideration. If the offer is

AT WEST RUTLAND

Marble Swinging From Derrick.

Rutland, Dec. 12 .- The 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley La Gage of West Rutland, was instantly killed and his body terribly crushed and Patsy Dino, about 40 years old, an employe of injuries from which he died within a few nie Wilber, Will Blanchard and M. E. a fractious chimney yesterday morning.

A fireman remained at the house last the Vermont Marble company, received minutes, about 4:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a Delaware & Hudson To Put an End to the "Hellish Scourge" locomotive collided with a block of mar-chrysanthemums, children; carnations, ble swinging from a derrick at the True Blue plant of the Vermont Marble com-

pany at West Rutland. The engine, attached to two passenger coaches, was backing toward the True Blue plant when workmen swung the derrick carrying a block of marble weighing several tons, directly over the rails. Engineer H. Scism was unable to stop his Covell, "Your president said that sooner or train and the tender of the locomotive One piece fell upon the La Gage boy and the other dropped upon Dino, who was at work under the derrick. The tender of the engine was badly damaged.

The La Gage boy was on his way Vermont Marble company.

Dino was removed to the office of the removed the bodies to the homes of the er woman. victims.

The accident happened opposite the Vermont Marble company's store. plant the engine was passing some cars After Being Found Guilty of Trapping Slayton was taken ill while visiting at on a siding and the derrick boom swung out behind the cars directly in front of the approaching engine. The tender and the engine crashed into the block of marble and the impact loosened the heavy chains which suspended the stone,

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Ernest Rowe Was Lying on Track Near Winooski Burlington, Dec. 12.-Ernest Rowe of

sex Junction car. The accident occurred justice and settled. on what is known as the flats near Weston's hill, about a quarter of a mile east of Winooski. The body was mangled to a great extent and death occurred soon after the man was picked up from the track. Rowe was lying on the track and was not seen until the car hit him on account of the snow which was falling and which had covered him.

The accident occurred at 11:10 o'clock. car and Zell Fowler was the conductor. finger and the hand and wrist were badly Mr. Coombs was running his car towards gashed.
this city in a heavy fall of snow, which Mann overed the front of the car and had overed the track. Rowe had been on the track long enough to be covered. The motorman did not see the man until just about the time the car hit him. The emergency brake was applied immediately and the car brought to a stop as soon as possible.

Dr. J. G. Thabault, health officer of

Why Rowe was lying on the track

WILL EXAMINE PORTER WOMAN

She Waived Examination in Court Today On the Charge of Bigamy and Was Put Under \$1,000 Bail.

Porter of Marlboro, who was arrested yesterday, charged with bigamy, was ar raigned just before noon to day in municipal court. She waived examination and was held for county court by Judge Barber under bonds of \$1,000. In default of bail, she was taken to the New-

Application will be made to the su-perior judge to have her committed to the Waterbury asylum for observation as to her sanity. Her second husband Rufus Warren, formerly of Montpelier and now of Lowell, Mass., from whom Government at Washington she had not been divorced, came to-day Co and took their three-year-old son to care

DEATH OF FRANK COLBY.

Had Been a Resident of Barre for Seventeen Years.

Frank J. Colby passed away at the

Washington street, Monday evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Colby had been in declining health for the past four years and deeply interested but could make no com- had been confined to his bed for three ment, at least until it was learned what weeks, although the end came unexpectdeceased was a man who never enjoyed vigorous health. Much of his young life The state department received the first was passed in East Orange, where he was nformation of Germany's peace propostorn Jan. 6, 1861, one of four children als through Associated Press dispatches, born to the late Edson Emerson Colby from which the officials assumed that and Emily C. (Merrill) Colby. For the than eight cents on the Bot the offices of the neutrals addressed were past seventeen years he had resided with receipt of the news of per asked only to transmit the proposals. his mother here in Barre. Besides his May wheat touched \$1.66½. mother, he leaves his brother, Charles M. Colby, who lives on the Colby home farm in East Orange; three nieces, Miss Velnephews, Edson Colby and Dwight Colby of East Orange

The funeral will be held at the Colby home on Washington street Thursday forenoon at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barproposal and whether it is considered nett, paster of the Barre Congregational church, will officiate and interment will

FUNERAL OF PERLE DOW

Was Held From His Late Home in East Barre Monday Afternoon.

The funeral of Perle Dow, whose death square corner. occurred Saturday from Bright's disease, was held from his late home in East Barre Monday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. W. H. the house and to extinguish the flames Bishop and Rev. James Ramage officiat- was the work of but a few moments. ing. There was a large attendance. The all-out signal was given almost im-Three selections, "Beautiful Isle of mediately. The house is occupied by E. Somewhere," "We'll Never Say Good-bye Burke, A. Howland and L. Bresaw. in Heaven" and "Some Day We'll Under-stand," were sung by Mrs. Samuel Guy the blaze and people who do business in stand," were sung by Mrs. Samuel Guy and Mrs. Paul Snow of Websterville. Burial was in the Washington ceme- dred by the house told the chief that the tery, the bearers being Ben Lowery, Ber- tenants seemed to be having trouble with

Forty-one white carnations, Mrs. Dow; properly. Baptist church; carnations and roses, ord breaker in the small number of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McAllister; pink alarms registered at the central station. roses. A. H. Moure and Miss Berdena

THREE DEATHS IN FOUR DAYS.

Rutland Family Has Been Sorely Af-

Rutland, Dec. 12.—For the third time will attend an auction sale this afterwithin four days death visited the house of Thomas F. Cantield of this city yesterday, when Paul, one of his twin sons, meet his father, who is employed by the three weeks old, passed away. Mr. Canfield's mother, Mrs. Michael Canfield, who recover steadily and expects to be out went to the house to take care of his of doors within a short time. ulations of 1907, which deals with the marble company, but expired as he was wife at the time of the birth of twins, law of war on land, will make it ob- taken into the building. Dr. C. B. Ross contracted pneumonia and died last and Dr. C. F. Flemming were summoned. Thursday, aged 72 years. The younger but the injured man died before they are Mrs. Canfield died Sunday of grippe a rived. The marble company's ambulance few hours before the funeral of the old-

TWO STUDENTS FINED.

Middlebury, Dec. 12. Baron Manor and John Todd, two Middlebury college freshmen, who were arrested a few days ago by Fish and Game Warden George H. Chaffee on a warrant charging violations of the fish and game laws by rapping muskrats at this season in Adison county, paid their fines yester-

The young men were tried before Justice A. W. Dickens and found guilty. Manor had ten pelts and was fined \$50 Essex Junction was almost instantly and costs of \$6.48, and Todd, who had killed shortly after 11 o'clock last night when he was hit by the main line Es \$6.48. They called at the office of the

STUCK HAND THROUGH WINDOW. Basketbail Player Injured at Bellows Falls Last Evening.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 12,-Michael Manning, a member of Co. E basketball team, drove his left hand through a window while playing at the state armory Halsey Coombs was motorman of the last night. He lost the tip of the first

> Manning, who is one of the star men on the state championship team, will be out of the game for some time.

VERMONT BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Westen Walker of Barre and H. F. Dana of St. Johnsbury.

Colchester, was called from Winooski and bankruptcy were filed yesterday with course near Brook street, but a desire to the remains were moved to the under- Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States continue some of the social features of Bellows Falls, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Charles taking establishment of A. B. Lavigne. court. Weston Walker of Barre, a car the organization during the winter had Boston, Dec. 12.—Sharp contests for Atkins, who came here from Portland. An examination showed that the left penter, has liabilities of \$1,760.39 and as- led to plans for a suite of rooms to city offices in many instances marked the election held in 17 Massachusetts cities. a flight of stairs at the home of her

26 POINTS

Brattlebero, Dec. 12.-Mrs. Walter E. Munitions and Other Shares Profiting by the War Sagged Heavily

> ON RE' - IPT OF NEWS OF SEACE PROPOSAL

n Strengthened in New ork and Wheat Prices Dropped in Chicago

New York, Dec. 12,-The stock market became immediately unsettled to-day on home of his mother, Mrs. E. C. Colby, 218 receipt of news of Teutonic peace proposals. Munitions and shares of other companies, which have profited by the war, were most affected, Bethlehem Steel

dropping 26 points. In the cotton market the announcement served to stop the decline in cotton, the prices advancing about \$3.50 per bale above the low level of yesterday.

Wheat Tumbles. Chicago, Dec. 12.-Wheat broke more

than eight cents on the Board of Trade receipt of the news of peace proposals.

BLAZE AROUND CHIMNEY

Called Fire Department to Tenement Off North Main Street.

For the first time since the late days of June, firemen were called from the central station Monday afternoon to respond to a general alarm. The blaze was in the tenement house at 189 North Main street, in the rear of the Currier block, and was confined to the upper story of the building, a structure which is owned by R. S. and C. L. Currier. The damage will not exceed \$25 and is covered by insurance. A. H. Buzzell of Hotel Buzzell advised the fire station of the outbreak around 4:30 o'clock and later someone turned in box 21 on the Depot

Only chemicals were necessary. The ladders were used in scaling the walls of the vicinity of the little court yard bor-

There were many flowers, as follows: evening to see that the chimney behaved

According to the data in the chief's office, it was the first general alarm to be Mrs. Hattie Covell, Charles Dow, fifth sounded since June 25, when box 15 on grade and teacher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Granite street was turned for a false Wilber, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Hull, Mr. and alarm. The fiscal department year which Mrs. Bernie Wilber, Rosebud class of closes this month promises to be a rec-

TALK OF THE TOWN

Charles A. Murphy of Burlington was business visitor in the city to-day. James Johnson and A. C. Smith left his morning for Tunbridge, where they

Manager J. B. Eames of the Park the atre, who recently underwent an operation at the City hospital, continues to John Lukes, the Goddard athlete who was called to his home in Saranac, N. Y.,

shortly after Thanksgiving on account of the death of his father, returned to Barre last evening and will resume his studies at Goddard. Miss Evelyn Slayton, who submitted to an operation at the City hospital several weeks ago, was able to return to her home in Montpelier yesterday. Miss

resume her duties as a telephone operator within a short time. L. W. Cottrell of Boston, who has been spending several days in Barre in the interests of the Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co., left yesterday for his home, but will make several stops while en route, in New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. Mr. Cottrell is at present general manager of the company from the Bos-

Among the prominent men in the Red Men circles of Barre and vicinity, who left the city this noon to attend the district meeting of Red Men in Springfield were Alexander Ross, great prophet of the Barre lodge, and George Rock, great keeper of the East Barre lodge. Barrett, great sachem of Montpelier, joined the Barre lodgemen at Montpel-

ier, and accompanied them on the trip. The ladies and pastor's union of the Hedding Methodist church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m. As this is the last meeting of the year, all who have not paid their dues are asked to do so at this time. After the meeting a food sale will be heldend all ladies who are will ing to contribute to this are asked to do so without further soliciting. All articles left from the November sale will

be sold at this time. After last night's meeting of the Meadow Brook Golf chib it was stated by the officers to-day that an attempt will be made to secure permanent club rooms for the members. In the summer and fall much of the time at the disposal of Rutland, Dec. 12-Two petitions in the club members is spent on the golf for the club. At the same meeting it

A. H. Fasola of Berlin street is passing was decided to hold a dance on the evensiness ing of Dec. 29 and a committee of ten

Divisions are Being Transferred to Other